

In the Claims

1. (currently amended) An illumination device powered by a portable electric power source, comprising:

a hollow, elongated member having a first end and a second end, the elongated member being at least partially transparent;

a light string within the elongated member, the light string having a plurality of spaced light members;

first and second end caps inserted into and closing off the first and second ends, respectively, of said elongated member;

a control assembly mounted on the outside of and attached to the elongated member and adapted for receiving electric power from the portable electric power source, and further adapted for holding the portable electric power source, the control assembly having a switch, the control assembly being in electric communication with the light string such that operation of the switch electrically activates the light string and the light members; ~~[[and]]~~

first and second U-shaped fastener loops mounted on the outside of said elongated member of said elongated member;

first and second fastener straps threaded through said first and second fastener loops, respectively, for looping around an article to be illuminated after dark; and

~~[[a]] first and second end attachment members member attached to the end caps of said elongated member for attachment to said article proximate the elongated member first end.~~

2. (original) The device of claim 1, wherein the portable electric power source comprises at least one battery.

3. (canceled)

4. (currently amended) The device of claim 2 ~~[[3]]~~, wherein the first end and second end attachment members each comprises ~~[[comprise]]~~ a clip hook.

5. (canceled)

6. (currently amended) The device of claim 4 [[5]], wherein each [[the]] fastener strap comprises two ends each end having a hook-and-loop portion, the ends being fastenable by joining the hook-and-loop portions.

7-8. (canceled)

9. (currently amended) The device of claim 6 [[8]], wherein each [[the]] clip hook has a ring, the ring being hookable by the clip hook.

10-11. (canceled)

12. (currently amended) The device of claim 9 [[1]], wherein the control assembly comprises a flasher unit and a flasher unit control for activating the flasher unit, such that when the flasher unit is activated the light members flash.

13. (currently amended) The device of claim 12 [[1]], wherein the control assembly has a first portion and a second portion, the first portion having the switch and being attached to the elongated member, the portable electric power source being contained in the second portion, the second portion being removable from the first portion such that the second portion is separated from the elongated member.

14-17. (canceled)

18. (new) An illumination device for and in combination with a leash for restraining a pet comprising:

a hollow, elongated member having a first end and a second end, the elongated member being at least partially transparent;

a light string within the elongated member, the light string having a plurality of spaced light members;

first and second end caps inserted into and closing off the first and second ends, respectively, of said elongated member;

a control assembly mounted on the outside of and attached to the elongated member and adapted for receiving electric power from a portable electric power

source contained within said control assembly, the control assembly having a switch, the control assembly being in electric communication with the light string such that operation of the switch electrically activates the light string and the light members;

first and second U-shaped fastener loops mounted on the outside of said elongated member of said elongated member;

first and second fastener straps threaded through said first and second fastener loops, respectively, for looping around said leash for illuminating said leash after dark; and

first and second end attachment members attached to the end caps of said elongated member for attachment to said leash.